(d) and (e) Loss to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 90,000/-. A departmental inquiry into this accident is in progress.

Derailment of 4007 Up Allahabad-Bareilly Passenger Train

27. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven bogies of the 4007 Up Allahabad-Bareilly passenger train derailed between Allahabad and Prayag station on the 3rd January, 1991;

(b) if so, the number of passengers killed and injured;

(c) the compensation paid to the victims;

(d) the loss of property due to accident;

(e) the reasons of the accident; and

(f) whether any inquiry has since been conducted and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No passenger was killed. 12 passengers sustained injuries.

(c) No claim for compensation has been received. However, an *ex-gratia* ayment of Rs. 4,250/- has been made to the injured passengers.

(d) Damage to Railway property has been estimated at Rs. 80,000/-.

(e) and (f) A departmental inquiry has been held into the accident. As per its findings, the derailment occurred due to the girder of bridge No. 174 getting displaced when it was hit by an over-dimensional consignment loaded on a road vehicle which passed under the bridge.

Increase in the prices of edible oil

28. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI R. GANESAN alias MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for high prices of edible oils in the country and also the reasons for disappearance of popular brands of edible oils like 'DHARA' from the market;

(b) whether Government have sufficient stocks of edible oil to maintain its availability in the near future; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the gap between the availability and requirement of edible oils in the country;

(d) whether Government propose to release more edible oils into the market through FPS and Super Bazar etc. to reduce the prices; and

(e) whether Government have taken any steps to contain the prices of edible oils which have gone up during the last two months; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) A contributory factor to the rise in prices of edible oils is the gap between the demand and supply. Government has been taking steps to bridge the gap by import of edible oil to the extent of foreign exchange availability and other factors related with the import of edible oils. Various measures have also been taken to improve the availability of indigenous oils and curb the price rise. Some of these measures are granting of excise rebate on use of non-conventional oils in vanaspati, reduction of stock limits of edible oils, permitting blending of dealers/processors and manufacturers of edible oils, permitting blending of conventional edible oil with non-con-